



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Claudia Johnson, Manuel Carrasco, David McNiel, Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Tom Martin, Ernie Hautala, Rita Norton, Erin House, Christina Duran, Phyllis Wells, Dana Kruckenberg, Marie Leggette, Barbara Brown, Nancy Hart

Members Excused: Araceli Moore, Randy Akes, Richard Burns

Members Unexcused: Jaime Hurtado, Lee Wagner

Guests: Joel Belding, Dvonne Pitruzzello, Wivory Brandel

Staff: Eva Webster, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:40 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2002, carried.

(McNiel/Norton/Carried)

3. Amendment to Article 3, Section 3 of Bylaws

Membership voted approval of proposed amendment to Article 3, Section 3 of the bylaws as reflected in the minutes of December 2, 2002. Phyllis Wells and Marie Leggette will fill the seats left by Letitia Pepper and Brenda Flowers, respectively.

(McNiel/Hernandez/Carried)

4. Planning Department sign ordinance presentation

Planning Department staff Joel Belding gave an overview of the sign ordinance and the current update to the ordinance that is underway including a review of its goals and discussion. Discussion surrounded what constitutes code violations and what appropriate signage for the City of Riverside ought to look like.

5. Subcommittee reports

a. Neighborhood Matching Grant

Committee chair Jay Dyer presented on behalf of the committee proposed recommended changes to the program parameters and literature. In particular, yearly events would be permitted with the understanding that funding for the same event in subsequent years would be limited to a 50% grant the second year and 25% grant the third year, i.e., up to \$1,000 the first year, \$500 the second year, and \$250 the third year after which the yearly event would not be eligible for future funding.

(Brown/Johnson/carried)

Board approves funding of application by Neighborhood Appreciation Day Committee.

(McNiel/House/Carried)

6. Establishment of Bylaws Subcommittee

The following members volunteered to serve on a bylaws subcommittee: Tom Martin, Erin House, and Ernie Hautala.

7. Office of Neighborhoods update

Discussion was lead by Eva Webster relative to Southern California Neighborhood Partners meeting being held January 14 and the future Neighborhood Matching Grant workshop. Mayor's Night Out schedules were passed out and a request by the Mayor that representatives attend when MNO is in their neighborhood was conveyed. Announcement of a site visit to UCR for the conference planning committee will be scheduled.

8. Future Agenda Items:

None.

9. Other Business/Public comment

- Jacob Hernandez reported that on December 20, the community fed 200 people at Villegas Park and gave gifts to children. There were 25 turkeys donated. He also reported that the Cinco de Mayo event is being planned as well as a baseball tournament and car show.
- Nancy Hart reported that a toy drive and holiday meal was well attended last month at Bryant Park. She also requested that the membership encourage others to apply for positions on boards and commissions, that there is a lack of diversity.

10. Next Meeting: February 3, 2003, 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Office of Neighborhoods